

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2010-07**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEDONA, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING CONGRESSSIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR HYDROLOGIC STUDY OF THE VERDE RIVER BASIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING THE SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR WATER POLICY AND MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE BASIN.**

WHEREAS, the One Hundred Ninth Congress of the United State of America in its first session did approve the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005 (ACT), and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Title II of ACT was to authorize assistance for a collaborative and science-based water resource planning and management partnership for the Verde River Basin in the State of Arizona, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ACT the Verde River Basin Partnership was established with a goal of developing studies pursuant to Title II Section 204 and Section 205 of ACT, and

WHEREAS, the Verde River Basin Partnership has proposed a plan developed in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey, designated as the “Hydrology Science Plan to Support Title II of the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005” (PLAN) to enhance knowledge of the Verde River Basin hydrology, and

WHEREAS, the cost to implement the studies over the PLAN 4-year study period is approximately \$5,400,000 (Five million four hundred thousand dollars), and

WHEREAS, the United States Geologic Survey has developed the Northern Arizona Regional Groundwater Flow Model, and

WHEREAS, the United State Bureau of Reclamation is conducting an appraisal level water resource study in conjunction with Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee known as the Central Yavapai Highlands Water Resource Management Study, and

WHEREAS, high quality public policy decisions and best management practices are enhanced through the availability and use of science based information.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEDONA, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

THAT the City of Sedona supports, and requests that the Arizona congressional delegation actively support, the appropriation of federal funds to implement PLAN work elements with the aims:

1. To remedy data gaps in the development of the Northern Arizona Regional Groundwater Study and the ongoing Central Yavapai Highlands Water Resource Management Study
2. To enhance policy decisions and management practices related to Verde Basin water use through the availability of improved science-based information, and

FURTHER, that the designated agency(s) to implement PLAN be the United States Geological Survey or the United States Bureau of Reclamation or a combination thereof, in furtherance of work already undertaken to enhance the level of science based information regarding the hydrology of the Verde Basin

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of February 2010, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sedona, Arizona.

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Rob Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Acting City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney